



Fitzroy History Society Newsletter

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**UPCOMING EVENTS
SAVE THE DATE!**

A MERRI CREEK WURUNDJERI WANDER

March 30
10.30am-12.30pm

Kay Pitts

Walk leader with long interest in aboriginal history, culture and art

Kay will lead us along the paths of significant places for the Wurundjeri (Woiwurrung) people who have lived, worked in the land of the City of Yarra

In 1835, Wurundjeri 'Ngurungaetas' (or tribal leaders) Billibellary and Bebejan signed a treaty (later deemed invalid by the English government) with visiting businessman, John Batman.

As the government tried to assimilate Aboriginal people into white society, the Wurundjeri people were encouraged to move to the Merri Creek Protectorate Station.

**Meet at Dights Falls Car Park at 10.15am.
We will return to same.**

WORKSHOP ON RESEARCHING YOUR HOUSE

March 4 at 6pm

In Nelson Alexander's Board Room
In Perseverance Hotel -Corner Brunswick Street
and Moor Street

In association with Fitzroy Residents' Association

THE FITZROY HISTORY SOCIETY WITH NATIONAL TRUST HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Present a walk

Journeying to Fitzroy in 1841

Saturday 26 April (and following weekends consistent with the National Trust booklet details)

Sarah and Richard Bunbury arrived in 1841. Fitzroy History Society will be conducting a walk from their arrival point in Port Phillip District to her new home in Fitzroy. All input for this Journey have been taken from her letters held in the State Library of Victoria.

Further details and booking arrangements will be advertised on our website; www.fitzroyhistorysociety.org.au from 1 March National Trust website; www.nationaltrust.org.au/vic/heritage-festival-2013 from 1 April

Numbers are limited, pre-booking is essential and the starting location and times will be advertised when your booking is accepted.

**FITZROY HISTORY SOCIETY MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO
BOOK BEFORE 1 APRIL**

A Man in his Time

Francis Clark, 1840- 1896
Wednesday May 28th, 7pm
Fitzroy Library Meeting Room

Francis Clark, Businessman, speculator and Melbourne City Councillor He built and was long time owner of the Devonshire Arms Hotel, Fitzroy Street, now owned by St Vincent's Hospital. He had an interesting life as a colonist of 50 plus years.

Alison Hart will present his story. She is a direct descendent

FITZROY HISTORY SOCIETY AGM

18 August 2014 @ 7pm Reading Room Fitzroy Library

Dr Charles (Chips) Sowerwine

'HISTORY, HISTORY SOCIETIES AND PRESERVATION IN A NEO-LIBERAL SOCIETY'

What's happening @ the Fitzroy Library Local History

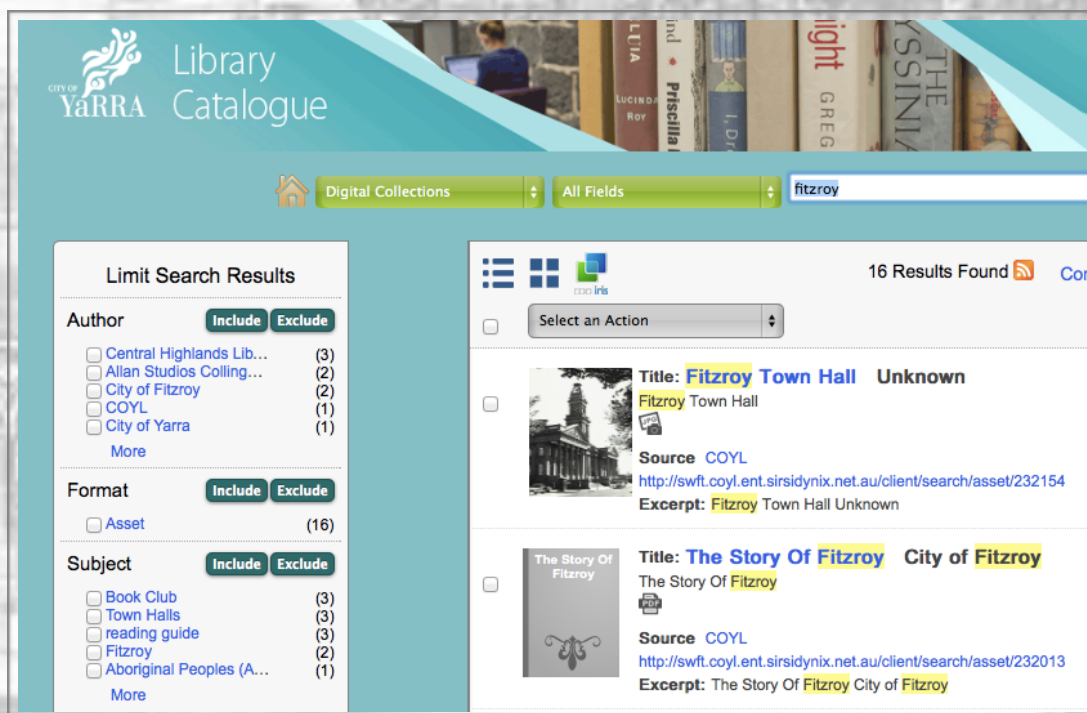
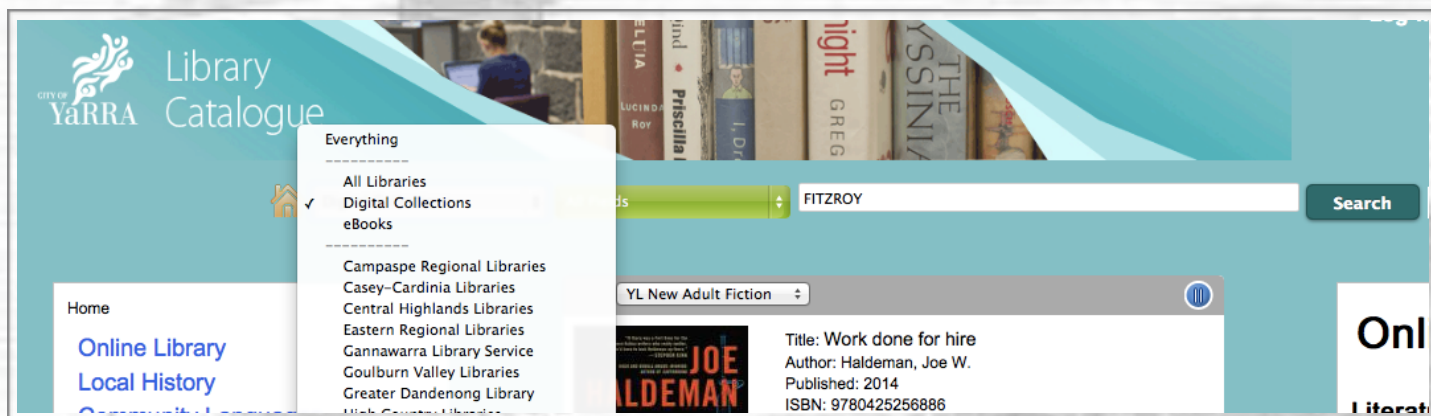
New Donations to the Local History Collection

The Fitzroy Doncaster Cricket Club recently donated its archive spanning 150 years (1862 to present day) to the Fitzroy Library. The collection contains original minutes, annual reports, correspondence, newspaper clippings and a small collection of FCC member badges. A total of 17 preservation boxes, including two custom made boxes have been used to ensure that this collection is properly housed and conserved for the future. Once processed and catalogued the items will be part of the ever growing local history collection at the library and available to the community.

Yarra Libraries News

Yarra Libraries local history staff are currently working on enhancing the way the public will be able to access local history information. A new feature available on the library catalogue enables the loading and attaching of images and PDF documents to records on the catalogue. While still in its early stages, there are at 20 plus records from across Yarra available to view. Library staff will be adding material regularly in the coming months.

If you would like to view what's there go to <http://swift.coyl.ent.sirsiidynix.net.au/client/coyl> and then select "Digital Collections" and for example search for "Fitzroy".



THE THOMAS, SAMUEL AND GEORGE EWING TRUST

This Trust was endowed by Margaret Ewing Cutten after her death, on 30 March 1991, in memory of her grandfather Thomas, Father Samuel and brother George. The Trust has enabled the Fitzroy Library to enhance its collection, with local history benefiting by engaging a cataloguer to process the large amount of local history material yet to be catalogued. At present all the sewerage maps, engineering plans, vertical file items and many miscellaneous items have been processed and can be located on the library catalogue. Work has now begun on the latest collection that is, GAAG/ St. David's Square Redevelopment material donated by Val Noone.

Committee Members 2013

President: Meg Lee

Treasurer: Chris Friday

Committee Members:

Mike Moore, Peter Woods, Brendan Mitchell
Graeme Pritchard
Lina Favrin- Local History Librarian, Fitzroy Branch

All members can be contacted via our website and email; fitzroyhistorysociety@yahoo.com.au

Fitzroy History Society presented on 3RRR

19 January, 2014 11am

For a record of interview by Michael Duggan and Meg Lee, go to the 3RRR website, click on 'Radio on Demand' Sunday 19 January, then click on the program Einstein A-Go-Go' (which is the 'Batmania time-slot) and scroll through until you hear the interview

AVAILABLE FOR SALE

Gertrude Street book available at Horton's books, Smith Street Collingwood and Brunswick Street Book shop, Brunswick Street

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Any Suggestions and Contributions are most welcome?

We invite you to become a part of our society in any way you feel that you can make a contribution. We welcome receiving your local knowledge, any research you have about the area, articles of interest etc. Your suggestions regarding activities, speakers or walks are most welcome.

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Become a Member

Membership costs just \$10 per person per year.

To make renewal easy, all memberships fall for renewal on 1 August each year (around the date of our AGM).

If you would like to join or renew your membership, please complete the form found on our website www.fitzroyhistorysociety.com.au and send it with the membership fee to PO Box 180, Fitzroy, 3065.

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We look forward to having you as a member.

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